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1. DURING DCM'S CALL ON FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION (FTO) ISOTIMPEX JANUARY 16 TO DISCUSS OTHER MATTERS, DIRECOR KOTEV OF ISOTIMPEX RAISED AGAIN QUESTION OF EXPORT CONTROLS WITH REGARD VARNA SHIPBUILDING COMPLEX (SEE REFTEL). BULGARIANS STILL VERY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING TWO IBM 3330 DISC DRIVES WIH 100 MEGABYTE CAPACITY, PROVISION FOR WHICH ALLEGEDLY IS IN CONTRACT WITH IBM. (POPOV RAISED ISSUE WITH US OFFICIALS DURING WASHINGTON VISIT IN SEPTEMBER.)

2. ACCORDING TO KOTEV, BULGARIAN HAS RECEIVED EXPORT LICENSE FOR ENTIRE MACHINE WITH EXCEPTION OF THE TWO IBM 3330 DISC DRIVES. FORTUNATELY FOR ISOTIMPEX TOTAL CONTRACT, WHICH VALUED AT $1.9 MILLION, ALSO SPECIFIED THREE IBM 2314 DISC DRIVES WITH 29 MEGABYTE CAPACITY SOTHAT COMPUTER, WHICH HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND INSTALLED AT VARNA SHIPYARD, CAN BE OPERATED ALTHOUGH AT GREATLY REDUCED CAPACITY. KOTEV STRONGLY EMPHASIZED
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BULGARIA'S INTEREST IN OBTAINING THESE TWO DISC DRIVES

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WHICH WOULD BRING EQUIPMENT TO PLANNED CAPACITY.

3. AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON EXPORT CLEARANCE STATUS OF TWO 3330 DISC DRIVES.
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